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The statement no sulfolane has been detected in the new wells in the PA report is based off of communications with the City of North Pole Water Department in May of 2012. Also in the DEC project update newsletter of April 2012, they also make the statement that no sulfolane has been detected in the new wells (page 4 under the drinking water headline). Also these wells are located outside of the sulfolane plume. I've attached that update for your reference. The PA report was published in June of 2012. So unless sulfolane was recently detected in July of 2012, the PA report would not capture that information.

My guess is what the Water Quality report should probably state that sulfolane has been detected in the raw water in the former wells at low levels but the water treatment system was effective removing the sulfolane. My understanding was that the former wells had not been decommissioned, but were not being used to supply drinking water. Maybe they brought them back online for the summer demand? Overall it seems that water quality report is not written well.



DEC Sulfolane newsletter April 2012.pdf

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▼ Russ Maddox ---08/17/2012 09:52:22 AM---Hi Brandon,

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Hi Brandon,
The PA states that there has been no sulfolane detected in the new city wells. However this recent water quality report from the city appears to contradict that statement. The language in the city's report is somewhat ambiguous but it appears to say that sulfolane is consistently detected in low levels (4-7ppb) in the raw water even from the new wells, but that their "treatment" removes the low levels before it reaches consumers' taps. Attached is a scanned copy of the page regarding sulfolane. Please let me know if you are certain no sulfolane has been detected in the new wells.

Thanks for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.
Regards, Russ